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SUBJ: KOREA AT UNGA

REF: SINGAPORE 4368

1. IN OCT 2 MEETING WITH EMBOFF (REPORTED NOW AS BEING INDICATIVE OF GOS ATTITUDE), FOREIGN MINISTRY ASST SECRETARY GEOFFREY YU INITIATED DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ISSUE BY NOTING THAT US SEEMED QUITE "CONCERNED". EMBOFF REPLIED THAT US DOES INDEED CONSIDER KOREAN ISSUE THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA. YU EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES WOULD SUCCEED IN FORMULATING JOINT STAND ON ISSUE. HE NOTED THAT INDONESIA'S STAND WOULD INFLUENCE SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA, BUT CAUTIONED THAT INDONESIA IS WARY OF TARNISHING ITS NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS BY APPEARING TOO PRO-ROK.

2. YU MENTIONED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD NOT EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN UPGRADING THEIR SINGAPORE REPRESENTATION TO EMBASSY-LEVEL SUBSEQUENT TO ROK'S ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY. HE WAS PUZZLED SINCE QUICK ACTION BY DPRK TO MAINTAIN PARITY WITH ROK HAD BEEN EXPECTED. DURING AMBASSADOR'S OCT 8 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY PERM SEC CHIA (SEE REFTEL), CHIA EXPLAINED THAT GOS HAD UPGRADED RELATIONS WITH ROK JUST PRIOR TO LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO GIVE ROK A SLIGHT BOOST.

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3. COMMENT: YU'S COMMENTS INDICATE THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY
REALIZES THE IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH US REGARDS KOREAN ISSUE AND
THAT ISSUE IS BEING ACTIVELY CONSIDERED BY MINISTRY. HOLDRIDGE

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